

Chatham Township Environmental Commission  
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Minutes of the November 14, 2005 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:45 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2005 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members L. Caprioglio, S. Hoag, O. Raadam, D. Stillinger, L. Tavtigian, K. Tubbs, N. Hagner.

CTEC's Purpose (NJ40:56A, 1968): to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

Open Public Meetings Act Statement – The meeting schedule for 2005 was published in the Chatham Courier and Daily Record newspapers and posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

Minutes

Mr. Raadam moved to accept the minutes from the October 18, 2005 meeting and Mr. Tubbs seconded, with all in favor.

Remarks

Mrs. Hoag made a motion to congratulate Kathy Abbott on the birth of her daughter, Ms. Hagner seconded, with all in favor.

ArcView 9.1 has been received from ESRI. It is available for CTEC members.

Events

February 21, 2006, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, presentation on pesticides and organic lawn care. Promoted by Kathy Abbott and Lydia Chambers. All are welcome.

Action

Guest speaker Mike Brennan from the Morris Land Conservancy spoke on managing conservation easements. Discussion addressed baseline assessments using GPS mapping or photographs of property which should be done in early spring, what easement details to locate for accurate assessment, agreements between owner and township, violations, continuing monitoring, penalties, buffer areas and educating the public. Mr. Brennan will be able to assist with baseline monitoring and with township written agreements between landowner and township.

Tree Protection Ordinance: update includes buffer areas, special protection needed especially when steep slopes are involved and regulating penalties. Ordinance possibility in place by early 2006. K. Tubbs

Tree brochure committee meeting dates to be determined, topics to address are description of various trees, particularly street trees. S. Hoag

Conservation Plan Element subcommittee members include S.Hoag, D. Stillinger and N. Hagner. Meeting on November 21.

Conservation Plan Element - Mike Bammel can assist in getting Green Building Council to attend township committee meeting regarding solar energy uses.

Open Space Tax referendum - open space committee to use funds for developing and maintain walkways, additional items and uses on next month's agenda.

#### Development Application Review

Numan, 10-27-05, BOA 412 Fairmount Ave. - use variance for child care facility- EC will not pursue.

#### Reports

Open Space Committee - open space walk along greenway of high tension line. (utility companies not interested in walk). S. Hoag

#### Other

Reminder - commission members are to bring their copy of agenda and other information needed for meeting.

#### Mail

(located on filing cabinet in meeting room)  
various newsletters, event announcements, etc.

The CTEC meeting was adjourned at 10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Scannelli  
Recording Secretary